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resettlement effectively with the essential requirements like drinking water, . school, hospital etc.; and

(e) by when, all the Pong Dam oustees are likely to be resettled?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Government of India had announced the award in 1972 for resettlement of the Pong Dam oustees. The Government of Rajasthan had notified Colonization (Allotment of Government Land to the Pong Dam Ousteers in Indira Gandhi Nehar Pariyojna) Rules, 1972 under which eligible oustees were entitled for allotment of land. For oustees allotted land in Jaisalmer District of Rajasthan, necessary facilities have not been made available. These facilities are to be developed and provided by the Government of Rajasthan.

(c) to (e) About 5770 Pong Dam oustees are yet to be allotted land. Under the Rehabilitation Award, Government of Rajasthan is required to allot land to the affected families and provide them with essential infrastructural facilities. High level discussions have been held and Government of Rajasthan has been requested to take necessary steps for expeditious resettlement of the remaining oustees.

Displacement of people from Pong lake area

1279. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area around the bank of Pong lake has been declared a wildlife sanctuary;

(b) if so, the number of families have been evacuated from the place; -

(c) whether it is a fact that several families have been left without a roof over their head in the area; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/likely to be taken by Government to rehabilitate such families?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) As informed by the Government of Himachal Pradesh, the area around the Pong lake has been declared as wildlife sanctuary in terms of their Notification dated 23.10.1999.

(b) No family has been evacuated from the wildlife sanctuary area.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Effect of shortage of coal and gas on power generation

1280. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power generation has been affected due to short supply of coal and gas during the year 2005-06;

(b) if so, the quantum of power in terms of mega watt being generated with coal and gas during the year 2005-06

(c) the estimated loss of power in terms of mega watt;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure adequate supply of coal and gas to the power plants during the year 2006-07; and

(e) whether Government propose to give additional coal blocks to companies for generating power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) During the year 2005-06, overall coal supply position to coal based power stations in the country was generally comfortable. Some of the pit-head power stations of NTPC, however, reported generation loss due to shortage of coal in the initial period of the year *i.e.*, April to August, 2005.

Supply of gas to gas based power stations in the country was inadequate and most of the power stations experienced generation loss due to shortage of gas during the year 2005-06.

(b) The quantum of power generation by the coal **and** gas based power stations during 2005-06 was as under:—

- Coal based power stations : 405,374 Million Units (MUs)
- Gas based power stations 60,128 Million Units (MUs)

(c) During the year 2005-06, the estimated loss of generation which is expressed in kilo watt hours (unit) of electricity due to shortage of coal was about 1.65 Billion Unit (BU) and the same due to shortage of gas was about 23.88 BU.

(d) Following steps have been taken/are being taken by the Government to ensure that there is adequate supply of coal and gas to the